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Applicant : Scott E. Moore

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Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Maurina T. Rachuba

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLANARIZING A MICROELECTRONIC
SUBSTRATE WITH A TILTED PLANARIZING SURFACE

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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated February 18, 2004.

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a 2-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004, from May 18, 2004, to July 18, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1,190, which includes \$420 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.